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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

CORONADO ET AL.

Examiner

J. Casimer Jacyna

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 September 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-41 and 43-72 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 3-5, 9-18, 21, 22, 27-33, 40 and 52-68 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 23-26, 34-39, 41 and 43-51 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 6-8, 19, 20 and 69-72 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

2. Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 19, 20 and 69-70 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Di Girolamo (4,357,861) in view of Lowe (7,036,687) and Crisp, III et al. (6,766,656). Di discloses a beverage mixer including a mixing chamber 8, an upper feed opening 7, an extract container 4 and a metering device 6 substantially as claimed but does not disclose an overall housing with a fill opening over the feed opening.

However, Lowe and Crisp teach other beverage mixers and teach that it is generally well known in the art for beverage mixers to have overall housings as are 10 in Lowe and 12 in Crisp for the purpose of protecting the components of the beverage mixers from damage and contamination wherein the housings include fill openings as are 64 in Lowe and 94 in Crisp that allow access to the entrance of the feed opening to the mixing chambers 61 in Lowe and 34 in Crisp as claimed for the purpose of allowing a user to better and more easily clean and add cleaning or rinsing fluids to the feed openings and mixing chambers. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the beverage mixer of Di with a housing having a feed opening as, for example, taught by Lowe and Crisp in order to protect the components of the beverage mixer from damage and contamination and to allow a user to better and more easily clean and add cleaning or rinsing fluids to the feed openings and mixing chambers.

3. Claims 1, 2, 6-8, 19, 20 and 69-72 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Di Girolamo (4,357,861) in view of Lowe (7,036,687). Di discloses a

beverage mixer including a mixing chamber 8, an upper feed opening 7, an extract container 4 and a metering device 6 substantially as claimed but does not disclose an overall housing with a fill opening over the feed opening. However, Lowe teaches another beverage mixer having an overall housing 10 for the purpose of protecting the components of the beverage mixers from damage and contamination wherein the housing includes a fill opening 64 that allows access to the entrance of the feed opening to the mixing chambers 61 as claimed for the purpose of allowing a user to better and more easily clean and add cleaning or rinsing fluids to the feed openings and mixing chambers. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the beverage mixer of Di with a housing having a feed opening as, for example, taught by Lowe in order to protect the components of the beverage mixer from damage and contamination and to allow a user to better and more easily clean and add cleaning or rinsing fluids to the feed openings and mixing chambers.

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to J. Casimer Jacyna whose telephone number is 571-272-4889. The examiner can normally be reached on Wed. thru Fri. 9AM-7PM, Mon. 7AM-1PM.

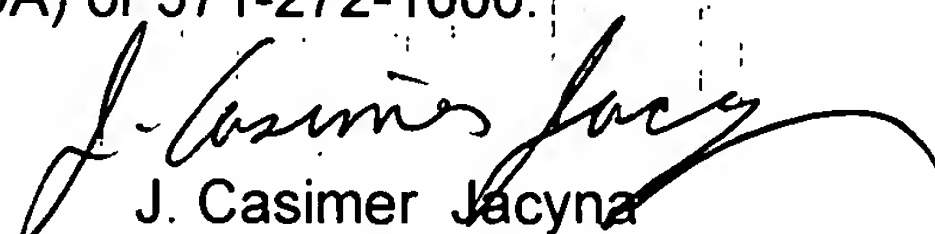
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin Shaver can be reached on 571-272-4720. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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